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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC
SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
DOCKET NO.

In the Matter of)
LOUIS F. COLELLA, D.M.D.)
Licensed to Practice Dentistry))
in the State of New Jersey)
_____)

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry ("Board") upon receipt of a complaint concerning a patient named Louis J. Yacco in relation to the dental services rendered by Louis F. Colella, D.M.D., consisting, in pertinent part, of defective crown and bridge dentistry on teeth #6 through 11. The Board reviewed the entire record in this matter including the patient's records, the records of subsequent consulting dentists, and information acquired at an investigative inquiry attended by Dr. Colella on March 20, 1991.

It appearing that the parties wish to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 16 DAY OF OCTOBER, 1991,

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Dr. Colella shall make restitution to Louis J. Yacco in

the amount of \$2,200.00 by submitting a certified check or money order in the aforesaid amount made payable to Louis J. Yacco to the State Board of Dentistry at 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102, no later than the first day of the month following the entry date of this Order.

2. Dr. Colella shall cease and desist from performing crown and bridge dentistry until he successfully completes twenty-five (25) hours of continuing education in crown and bridge dentistry and twenty-five (25) hours of continuing education in basic periodontics. Proposed courses shall be approved by the Board in writing prior to attendance. Dr. Colella also shall be required to provide the Board with proof of successful completion of the required course work. All fifty (50) hours of the continuing education shall be completed within six (6) months of the entry date of this Order.

3. Dr. Colella shall be permitted to complete crown and bridge dentistry on only those patients who are already in the course of receiving such treatment by submitting a complete list of the names of all such patients to the Board no later than 10 days after the entry date of this Order. Said list also shall provide an anticipated date of completion of the crown and bridge dentistry for each patient.

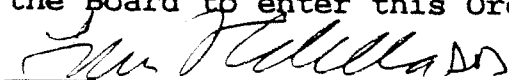
4. Dr. Colella is hereby assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,500.00 for negligent record keeping in that he failed to record the clinical findings of an initial examination, and the treatment entries for dates on which the patient was seen provided such minimal information that they failed to properly

document the treatment performed. In addition, a random review of additional patient records in the dental office of Dr. Colella revealed that there were discrepancies between the dates of treatment noted in the patient records and the dates of treatment noted on insurance claim forms, the dates and types of treatment were illegible and/or were not in sequence, and many office visits were not documented on patient charts at all. The civil penalty shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey to the State Board of Dentistry at the above address no later than the first day of the month following the entry date of this Order. In the alternative, Dr. Colella shall be permitted to arrange an installment payment for this civil penalty, with interest, over a period no greater than six (6) months. The Executive Director of the Board shall be authorized to consent to such installment payment plan by letter agreement with Dr. Colella. In the event Dr. Colella elects to make such installment payments, each installment shall be due and payable the first day of each month, and any failure to make such a payment shall cause the entire balance of the penalty to become immediately due and payable.



William R. Cinotti, D.D.S.
President
State Board of Dentistry

I have read and understand
the within Order and agree
to be bound by its terms.
Consent is hereby given to
the Board to enter this Order.



Louis F. Colella, D.M.D.